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For: METHOD FOR FORMING WIRING, METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THIN FILM TRANSISTOR)
AND DROPLET DISCHARGING METHOD)

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The Japanese references cited on the attached PTO-1449 were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-311157 in an Office Action mailed June 22, 2010.

Further, Applicants wish to note that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,808,972; 6,905,906; 7,098,061; 7,176,040; 7,572,651; and 7,635,857, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0286726 and International Publication Nos. WO2001/046987; WO2001/047043; WO2001/047044; and WO2001/047045 are in the same family as JP 2003-518756. These family documents were not cited in the above-noted Office Action.

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